

WASHINGTON- Congresswoman Louise Slaughter (NY-28) today announced a \$1.45 million grant for the City of Rochester to preserve and enhance the Public Marina Project. The announcement comes on the heels of a February letter from Slaughter urging the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to allocate funds to the City for this high-priority project.

The grant will enable the city to add 64 transient slips with dockside utilities, create a deep-draft safe harbor, create an access point for the City of Rochester, and provide boater services and education on Lake Ontario.

“I’m so pleased to announce this grant that will greatly enhance public access to the waterfront,” said Slaughter. “It will help transform what is currently an underutilized public land into a vibrant waterfront and recreational destination while creating jobs right here in Rochester.”

The grant comes from the Department of the Interior’s Boating Infrastructure Grants (BIG) program, which helps to fund the construction of docks, boat slips and other facilities to support recreational boating.

Slaughter’s February letter of support is just one in a series of efforts over the past decade to facilitate economic development for the Port of Rochester, securing more than \$25 million in federal funding for the area over that time.

Her letter is below.

February 15, 2011

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March 14, 2011

Mr. Rowan W. Gould

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Dear Mr. Gould,

I am pleased to express my support for the proposal submitted by the City of Rochester, New York to the United States Fish and Wildlife Service for funding from the Boating Infrastructure Grant (BIG) Program. As part of the City's Port of Rochester Public Marina Project, funding will allow for the enhancement of existing public transient marina facilities, as well as for new facilities at the Port of Rochester on Lake Ontario. This is a high priority objective of the City and a recognized exciting project for both the City and the upstate New York region.

The transient marina facilities will become the centerpiece of the transformation of currently underutilized public land into a vibrant waterfront boating and recreational destination along the south shore of Lake Ontario and the Genesee River. This project will provide modern transient boater slips, to promote and sustain water recreation at the Port; and to maximize the project's value and economic benefit. This will maximize, enhance and preserve public access to the waterfront.

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Once again, I am pleased to express my support for the proposal submitted by the City of Rochester to the United States Fish and Wildlife Service for funding from the Boating Infrastructure Grant (BIG) Program. I hope you will give their application full consideration.

Sincerely,

Louise M. Slaughter

Member of Congress

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